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REFERENCES

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information.

1. On 7 August 1954, a troop train of 20 flatcars with eight artillery pieces, and trucks, [redacted] was observed at the Halberstadt railroad station. The train came from the direction of Blankenburg. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100
2. Troop trains coming from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and passing through the Cottbus railroad station toward Cottbus on 10 and 15 August included a train of 4 B, 10 F with soldiers, and 25 trucks [redacted]
3. On 14 August, a troop train of 6 boxcars, 22 flatcars, 1 jeep, 1 truck, 1 sedan, 1 radio truck, 1 ambulance, 2 field kitchens, and about 30 trucks, [redacted] was observed at the Cottbus railroad station.
4. On 14 August, a troop train of 6 boxcars, 22 flatcars, 1 jeep, 1 truck, 1 sedan, 1 radio truck, 1 ambulance, 2 field kitchens, and about 30 trucks, [redacted] was observed at the Cottbus railroad station.
5. A railroad teletype message indicated that a troop train of 9 B, 7 B, 17 F, [redacted] went from Neubukow to Velten during the night of 14 August. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100
6. Troop trains en route toward Leipzig observed at the Dresden-Friedrichstadt railroad station on 21 and 23 August included a train of 7 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with 4 x 85-mm AT guns and 11 trucks which came from the direction of Dresden-Friedrichstadt; and another train of 13 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with 10 artillery pieces and 16 trucks which came from the direction of Schweinitz. 4
7. At about 1600 on 10 August, a troop train of 9 boxcars with soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars with 9 x 37-mm AA guns, 1 jeep, 1 sedan, 1 radio truck, 1 ambulance, 2 field kitchens, and about 30 trucks, [redacted] passed

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through the Beelitz railroad station and went toward Juetterbog. <sup>5</sup>

8. At 1900 on 14 August, a troop train of 3 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars was loaded with soldiers, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, and about 15 trucks at the Juetterbog-Altes Lager railroad station.
1. Comment. The troop train probably carried elements of the 597th Itz Rifle Regt of the 207th Itz Rifle Div to the Letzling Heath area. On about 12 August 1954, components of the division conducted field exercises in the Tangermünde - Jerichow Elbe River section, including river crossing from west to east.
2. Comment. The vehicle and turret numbers indicate that the troop train of 10 August 1954 probably carried vehicles of the 7th Gds Mecz Div or 6th Gds Mecz Div, and that a tank unit of the 25th Tk Div was transported by the troop train on 15 August 1954. The two trains possibly went to Lieberose.
3. Comment. The troop train probably carried contingents of the 31st AAA Div.
4. Comment. The troop trains probably carried components of the 19th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div from Moenigsbrueck back to Leipzig - Schoenau. On 10 August 1954, three troop trains of the regiment had left Leipzig-Schoenau probably for Moenigsbrueck.
5. Comment. The            series is reported for the first time and was probably confused with the            series. If this assumption is correct, the troop train carried an air force AAA unit from Weisse Stadt Settlement at Oranienburg (4683) to Juetterbog for firing practice.

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